AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT:

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention relates to a compact provides a highly convenient removable device that automatically executes or installs programs. The device includes a male connector 15, a control unit 30, and a flash memory 40 as its main storage, and USB port 25 (female connector) for connecting another peripheral device (herein, a digital camera 5). Moreover, the control unit 30 has a hub division function and a recognition control function. The and a startup method. A hub division unit 31 in a single composite device 2 function sets up all or a part of the flash memory 40 as a first unit device and the other peripheral device as a second unit device and allocates data exchange with the computer 1 side to each a plurality of these unit devices, thereby easily realizing a plurality of functions. Upon connection to the When connected to a USB port, the a recognition control function first sends unit 32 returns a signal simulating representing a CD-ROM on account of the first unit device to the computer 1 and then, at a specified timing, sends the computer a specified signal used for accepting recognition on account of the digital camera 5 in a simulated manner in response to inquiry about the type of the device from the host side. When a device is mounted, a desired processing such as a program execution described in the script is automatically performed without installing a resident program for detecting a device mounting in advance in the computer side.